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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Dr. Ernst Brueckner

1. In recommending that you receive Dr. Brueckner, who is Chancellor Adenauer's Security Chief, I did so because I thought you would be interested to be brought up-to-date on the John case.

2. Dr. Brueckner presides over a special section of the Federal Criminal Bureau which has two functions: A) That which is similar to our Secret Service; B) That of an investigative agency for the federal courts in matters involving treason and the like. In this latter capacity, he has been responsible for the investigation of John ever since he was arrested by the West German authorities.

3. It appears that John is now in Heidelberg undergoing psychiatric treatment. He is under "Untersuchungshaft". Dr. Brueckner says that they have about satisfied themselves that John went to East Berlin on his own volition, that he intended to return thereafter, that he thought he was going to bring about the great understanding between East and West Germany. It appears that the Judge in charge of the case has been communicating with Dr. Wehlgans and there is some indication that he might testify in John's trial. Wehlgans has consistently thrown down John's story of what happened, contending that John was in no sense forced into East Berlin.

4. Obviously, the foregoing is a brief summary, but I thought it might be helpful in guiding your conversation with Dr. Brueckner and enabling you to get any additional facts which may be of interest to you.


Chief of Operations, DA/P

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